



Stay on TRRAC . . .

with Multi-Family Recycling

Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums in Montgomery County

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TRRAC

Calendar of Events

August 2006

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

If you would like the TRRAC Program to participate at your National Night Out event, call us at 240-777-6400 or email us at recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov

Montgomery County Fair

Friday, August 11, 2006 through Saturday, August 19, 2006

AUGUST						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Is Your Recycling Program Ready for Evaluation?



Montgomery County requires all multi-family properties to have recycling programs on-site. Multi-family properties are also required to educate their residents about its recycling efforts. While most properties already recycle, do you know if your property meets the requirements of the recently revised Montgomery County recycling regulations? Many multi-family properties have been working with the TRRAC (Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums) Program to modify their existing programs to meet the requirements of the new regulation, Executive Regulation (ER) 15-04AM; specifically, to add mixed paper and scrap metal recycling opportunities.

To ensure a smooth transition of existing recycling programs, the TRRAC team is providing each individual property with educational and technical assistance in order to help achieve total compliance with the County's regulations. This County assistance will also help to achieve the goal of recycling 50% of all waste generated in the County. Compliance with the County regulations is the responsibility of all multi-family parties (i.e. property managers and owners, governing boards of condo associations, and residents). Make sure that you know what your responsibilities are.

The County conducts on-site visits of all multi-family properties and works closely with property managers to provide the necessary information to implement successful recycling programs. You'll find that your recycling program is easy to set-up and maintain.

However, we have found that not all properties are in total compliance with the revised recycling regulations. So we must still ask that magic question, "Is Your Program Ready for Evaluation?" If not, now is the time to review ER 15-04AM and your existing recycling program. Turn your recycling program around today and make it a success!

For assistance, please contact the TRRAC Program at 240-777-6446 today. Be smart. Be ready for your upcoming recycling evaluation!

Recycling at Leisure World: Complying with all Recycling Requirements



A recycling partnership is formed between Brad Kline of Leisure World and Paul Golder of the TRRAC Program



A filled cardboard container at Leisure World



Recyclables are collected by Leisure World employees



The management team at Leisure World dedicated to recycling.

Pictured from left to right: Mark Ellis, Deputy General Manager; Donna Buckridge, Property Manager; Claudia Snider, Property Manager; Kevin Flannery, General Manager; Alisia Asbury, Property Manager; Brad Kline, Director of Recycling; Beverly Chaconaf, Property Manager; James Claggett, Property Manager; and Conchita Hundzinski, Assistant General Manager

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services TRRAC (Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums) Program has worked closely with Leisure World in Silver Spring to assist them in their recycling efforts. The County and the Leisure World community forged a partnership to achieve a common goal, in order to strive for success.

Leisure World covers over 647 acres and houses approximately 8,500 residents. Mr. Paul Golder, Program Specialist with the TRRAC Program, first visited the community in October 2005. As he rode throughout the premises, Mr. Golder noticed that there was a great deal of mixed paper being thrown away in the trash.

A meeting was scheduled with Leisure World's Director of Recycling, Mr. Brad Kline. Mr. Kline was welcoming, open to suggestions, and ready to solve issues limiting their recycling progress. Mr. Golder received an explanation of the collection process as he toured the community and surveyed the combination of high-rise buildings, garden-style apartments, town houses, and single-family homes. It was clear that Leisure World had the infrastructure for a good recycling program. They were recycling commingled materials, newspapers, and magazines, but they were not recycling mixed paper. Therefore, the entire community was not in compliance with Executive Regulation 15-04AM. Mixed paper is not only newspapers and magazines but also includes corrugated cardboard, office paper, unwanted mail, cereal and snack boxes, and all other clean, dry paper.

The TRRAC team, consisting of Ms. Jacqueline Dennis, Program Manager of

the Multi-Family Recycling Program, and Mr. Golder, held a comprehensive management meeting attended by the Assistant General Manager, Ms. Conchita Hundzinski; Mr. Kline; and the rest of the management team. With Mr. Kline's assistance, it was agreed upon at the meeting to start the transition to a mixed paper recycling program for the community's ten high-rise buildings. Afterwards, the program would be expanded to include all of the communities' residential properties.

Leisure World staff provided dedicated containers for recycling, and educated residents by posting information about the new recycling effort in all appropriate publications. In addition, signs were posted in all of the trash rooms to further inform the residents.

In addition to the containers and education provided by Leisure World staff, the TRRAC Program assisted by scheduling and conducting a series of residential seminars. In all, ten educational presentations were attended by over 300 residents. The questions and enthusiasm of the residents demonstrated how concerned and committed they were to recycling.

Since the inception of the mixed paper recycling program for the high-rises, Mr. Kline has expanded the program to include the garden-style apartments, town homes, and single-family residences. According to Mr. Kline, Leisure World is now collecting over 5,600 pounds of mixed paper every month, which was previously thrown away as trash.

This combined team effort between the County and Leisure World has been and continues to be an on-going process. The efforts of the management and staff, and the commitment of the residents to recycling have proven to be successful. Thank you Leisure World for being such a great partner in the County's recycling efforts.

COMMUNITY EVENT SUPPORT

The Division of Solid Waste Services TRRAC Program is available to meet with your residents and tenants to discuss recycling and to improve your program.

Invite the Recyclemobile to your next community event and spread the word about recycling.

- Pool parties
- Picnics
- Community Association Meetings
- Tenant Meetings
- Board Meetings



Our Recyclemobile Is Ready



RECYCLING ENFORCEMENT

The following properties received Notices of Violation for failing to submit their calendar year 2005 Annual Recycling and Waste Reduction report by February 1st, 2006. All of the properties are now in compliance.

Crescent Plaza,
Bethesda

Grosvenor Park III Condominiums,
Rockville

North Creek Village Apartments,
Rockville

Oak Mill Apartments,
Germantown

The Chase at Bethesda,
Bethesda

Avery Park Apartments,
Bethesda

Chase Ridge Apartments,
Silver Spring

Christopher Condominiums,
Bethesda

Columbia Towers Condominiums,
Silver Spring

Aspen Forest Condominiums,
Burtonsville

Recycling Checklist



Multi-Family properties **MUST** recycle the following materials:



MIXED PAPER



White and colored paper



Corrugated cardboard and boxboard



Newspapers and inserts



Magazines and catalogs



Telephone directories, paper-back books



Unwanted mail



All other clean, dry paper



COMMINGLED CONTAINERS



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminum cans and foil products



Bi-metal food and beverage cans



Plastic narrow-neck bottles (The opening of the container must be narrower than the body of the container)



SCRAP METAL



Metal or predominantly metal items, including large household appliances, bikes, grills, iron furniture and aluminum lawn chairs



YARD TRIM



Grass, leaves, garden trimmings and brush



CHRISTMAS TREES



An evergreen tree that is decorated with lights and ornaments at Christmas.

(Remove ornaments prior to recycling)



Multi-family properties are encouraged to voluntarily recycle the following materials:

- Toner cartridges
- Pallets
- Computers
- Batteries



Refer to your Property Manager's Guide to Recycling to learn more about recycling materials. If you do not have a copy of this important reference book, please call [240-777-6446](tel:240-777-6446) to request a copy.

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